

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

CUBIN, Barbara (Republican)
Representative, At-Large, Wyoming
Elected 1994 to the 104th Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



BACKGROUND

Born: Salinas, California -- 30 November 1946
Home: Casper, Wyoming
Marital Status: Married (Frederick) - 2 children
Religion: Episcopalian
Education: Creighton Univ, BS, 1969
Military: None

Profession: Medical office manager; realtor; chemist

Political: Wyoming House, 1987-1993; Wyoming Senate, 1993-95. Defeated Bob Schuster (D) in the 1994 general election with 53% of the vote for the seat of Rep Craig Thomas (R), who successfully ran for the Senate. Reelected in 2000 with 67% of the vote and in 2002 with 61%.

Rep Cubin is a reliable fiscal and social conservative vote for the House Republican leadership. She has expertise in energy related matters and has been an advocate of Wyoming's coal and trona (soda ash) mining activities. Opposes Federal intervention in land management and has sought more state control of the West's Federal lands. Opposes proposals to increase grazing fees and mining royalties. In the state legislature, she sponsored a measure that appeared on the state ballot to allow judges to impose life sentences without the possibility of parole. Elected Secretary of the Republican freshman class in November 1994. Opposed sending US troops to Bosnia.

In the 105th Congress, Rep Cubin was appointed to the Congressional Award Board. Cosponsored the Uniformed Services Medicare Subvention Demonstration Project Act and a bill to require separate gender military basic training. Sponsored HR 3645, a bill to prohibit the return of veterans memorial objects to foreign nations without specific authorization of law. Explained how subject became an issue over Bells of Balangiga, part of veterans memorial at F.E. Warren AFB, WY (CR, 2Apr98).

In the 106th Congress, despite her many policy differences with the Administration, she was the only member of Wyoming's congressional delegation to express optimism that the White House and Congress could work together after the President's 1999 State of the Union speech (CQ Politics in America, 99 Edition). Was one of only three Republican members who endorsed both the Republican introduced and sponsored managed health care bill H.R. 2824 and the bipartisan rival measure H.R. 2723 (CQ Monitor New, 9Sep99). Paid tribute to Col James W. Kelley, Jr., USAF, a Wyoming native, who retired after 30 years of service.

In the 107th Congress, she commented on a Bush administration plan to retire the nation's 50 Peacekeeper missiles which are stationed at F.E. Warren AFB: "I think it puts a cloud over the future of F. E. Warren. I will strongly resist eliminating the funds to maintain those missiles. I don't like to see the security of F.E. Warren AFB jeopardized in any way." Co-sponsored 'concurrent receipt' resolution and a resolution calling for the restoration of health care coverage for retired members of the uniformed services.

Additional: Has chaired the research arm of the Energy Council, an international organization of state legislators from Canada and the U.S. that argues for American energy self-sufficiency. Rep Cubin worked for then Rep Craig Thomas, 1989, 1990, and 1992. Founded the Casper Suicide Prevention League. Managed the business side of her husband's medical practice.

AF Bases: F.E. Warren AFB; Peacekeeper Sites; Boulder Research Site; Powell STR; Cheyenne MAP (ANG)

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